

What is an exceedance ?

An exceedance is when the monitoring level(s) are above Federal Drinking Water Quality Standards for that contaminate. When a water system has an exceedance the system will issue a public notice (PN) explaining what the health risks are and how to reduce these risks.

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Following is list of Corrective Action statuses to help explain what ADEQ and/or water system are doing to resolve the issue.

Corrective Action Status	Description
ADEQ Providing Compliance/Technical Assistance	ADEQ is assisting facility with the legal and/or technical requirements in order to be in compliance with state and federal regulations.
ADEQ/Facility Collecting Additional Samples	ADEQ or Facility are collecting additional samples to determine if the exceedance is a recurring event or a single event.
Facility Notified of Potential Deficiencies	ADEQ has informed facility that they have an exceedance of a permit limit or surface water standard (i.e. myDEQ Report and/or Phone call/email)
Facility Notified of Alleged Violations	Facility has received a Notice of Violation or Notice of Opportunity to Correct Deficiencies from ADEQ or delegated authority for exceeding a permit limit or surface water standard.
ADEQ/Facility Agree Upon Path Forward	ADEQ and Facility have entered into a formal agreement which puts them on a path to return to compliance (i.e. Consent Order or Consent Judgment)
Facility Improvement in Process	A structural, treatment, and/or operational improvement is currently being implemented at facility.
Compliance/Technical Assistance Was Unsuccessful	Elevating the issue to ADEQ Leadership and the Water System, to seek additional Compliance/Technical Assistance with the goal help the water system return-to-compliance with state and federal regulations.



Drinking Water | Federal Water Standards Exceedance Report

Data Pull Date: 12/12/2018

Facility: Far West Water And Sewer Inc.

County PWS #	Name	Contaminant	Source	Status
APACHE AZ0401013	FAR WEST WATER & SEWER INC	TTHM	Exceeds Rule Limit	ADEQ/Facility Collecting Additional Samples

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) MCL Violation at 14-004

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results from 3rd Quarter 2018 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for TTHM. The standard for TTHM is 0.080 mg/L. It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months. The level of TTHM averaged at our system's locations for 3rd Quarter 2018 was 0.091 mg/L.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

TTHM are four volatile organic chemicals which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water.

People who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What is being done?

Far West has introduced well water into the pump station feeding the site 16 02-B (Fortuna Hills located north of 28th Street & east of Avenue 14 E). We are also increasing the flushing schedule and flushing sites around the sampling location. Additional test samples are being taken at multiple sites to ensure the problem has been corrected.

For more information, please contact Bacilio Leon at 928-342-1238 or 13157 E. 44th Street.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.
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